

DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION*

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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and for which a patent application:

is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on *(if applicable)*
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 was filed as PCT international Application No. PCT/DE00/00072 on 5 January 2000 and was amended under PCT Article 19 on *(if applicable)*

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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| APPLICATION NUMBER | COUNTRY | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED |
| 199 00 280.0 | Germany | 8 January 1999 | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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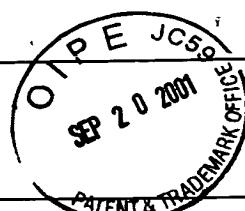
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| <p>1. Name of conveying party(ies): George Troubounis, Lucas Menke and Gisbert Wünsche</p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Nature of conveyance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>Execution Date: <u>July 5, 2001 and July 13, 2001</u> <u>respectively</u></p> <p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____</p> <p>A. Patent Application No.(s) <u>09/889,029 (filed 6 July 2001)</u></p> <p>B. Patent No.(s) _____</p> <p>Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> | | <p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: <u>Meri Entsorgungstechnik Für Die Papierindustrie GmbH</u> Address: <u>81673 München Levelingstr. 18</u> Country (if other than USA): <u>Germany</u></p> <p align="center">RECEIVED NOV 21 2001 TC 1700</p> | |
| <p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP 3300 Hillview Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94304</p> <p>6. Number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):\$ <u>40.00</u> Please charge to the deposit account listed in Section 8.</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: <u>16-1150</u></p> | | | |
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| <p>9. Statement and signature.</p> <p><i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i></p> <p>Thomas D. Kohler <u>32,797</u> <u>Thomas D. Kohler</u> September 20, 2001 Name of Person Signing Reg. No. Signature Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet: <u>3</u></p> | | | |

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, George Troubounis, Lucas Menke, and Gisbert Wünsche, ASSIGNORS, citizens of Germany, residing at Tal 22, D-80331 München, Germany; Sandstrasse 3, D-80335 München, Germany; and Talblick 1, D-01824 Rosenthal-Bielatal, Germany respectively, are the inventors of the invention in DEVICE FOR SEPARATING FLUIDS for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

which is executed on even date herewith or _____

which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 10925-003-999
 which is filed herewith, Application No.

and WHEREAS, Meri Entsorgungstechnik Für Die Papierindustrie GmbH, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

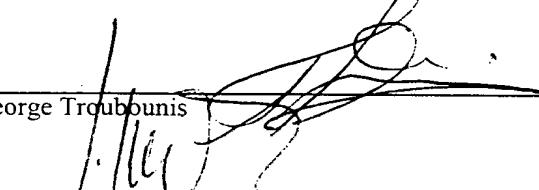
AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 5.4.01, 2001

George Troubounis  L.S.

Date 5.7.01, 2001

Lucas Menke  L.S.

Date 13.7.01, 2001

Gisbert Wünsche  L.S.